1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Oilseeds			Kharif	0.70	-3.45	6.56	1.27	18.51	-16.44	41.61	14.56
			Rabi	2.04	-7.15	-10.88	-5.33	9.86	-8.33	-12.59	-3.69
			Total	1.24	-4.85	0.15	-1.15	14.88	-13.19	18.68	6.79
Cotton #			Kharif	-1.25	5.30	3.06	2.37	12.60	22.34	14.02	16.32
Jute & Mesta #			Kharif	-2.17	4.44	2.13	1.47	5.53	3.99	-0.86	2.89
Sugarcane#			Kharif	14.75	22.62	-2.14	11.75	18.59	26.44	-4.21	13.61

*4th Advance Estimates released on 09.07.2008

These are only Kharif crops

Price of wheat in international market

†2026. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present prices of wheat in the international market are low in comparison to the prices of wheat in mid 2007 and in the beginning of 2008;

(b) if so, the price of wheat in the international market during the aforesaid periods and its price in October-November, 2008; and

(c) the reasons for not reflecting the effects of decrease in the price of wheat in the international market on the sale price of wheat in Indian market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Prices of wheat in the international market in November 2008 are lower than those in mid 2007 and in the beginning of 2008. The prices of wheat in the aforesaid periods are given in the Table below.

Month-end Wholesale Prices of Wheat in International Market*

(Dollar/MT)

June 2007	January 2008	October 2008	November 2008
223.50	336.17	197.26	201.85

* Price in Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT), USA

Source: Public Ledger, U.K.

Monthly Wholesale Price Index (1993-94 =100) for wheat has increased continuously from 217.1 in June 2007 to 231.4 in January 2008 and 238.4 in November 2008. International prices fluctuate depending upon the demand and supply situation of a commodity in the international market, while domestic prices are influenced by domestic supply and demand. In India, prices of wheat are generally above the Minimum Support Price of wheat fixed by the Government of India at Rs.1000/- per quintal for 2007-08.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.